REMARKS

Claims 5 and 9-10 have been canceled and claims 26-40 have been added to further

define the invention. The specification and Figure 6 of the drawings has been amended to

correspond to amendments in the prior co-pending application. No new matter has been

added.

With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 09/309,768,

Applicant hereby incorporates the claim of priority from Japanese Application No.10-134960,

filed on May 18, 1998, and claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The prior application is assigned of record to NEC Corporation, at Reel 010246, and

Frame 0854.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

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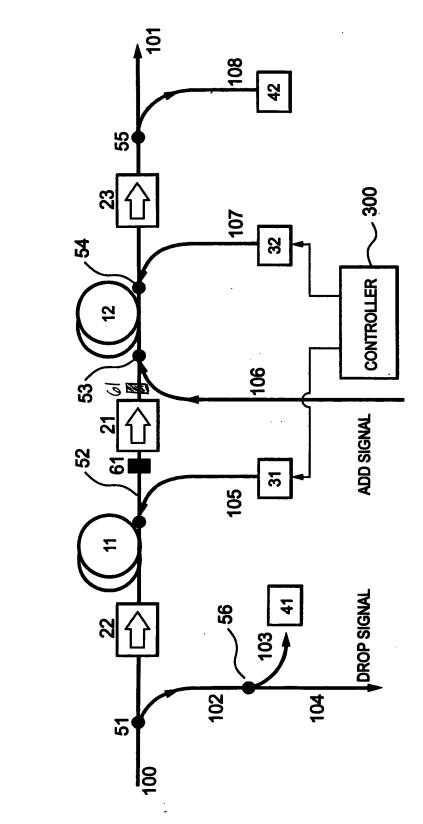


Fig.6